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Narcotics Arrest

Location of Incident: 1011 N. Somerton Avenue - Somerton, AZ

On Monday, August 3, 2026, at approximately 1:32 PM, The Yuma County Sheriff's Office arrested a teacher on Somerton Middle School Campus on a drug related incident.

The initial investigation revealed a personal bag, described as a makeup bag, was located on campus by a staff member. The staff member looked inside to figure out who it belonged to and found a plastic bag containing an unidentified substance. Staff turned the bag over to the YCSO School Resource Officer who identified the substance as Methamphetamine. The bag was further searched, and the owner of the bag was identified as a teacher.

The SRO made contact with the suspect, Deana Lynn Salter, 55, of Yuma, AZ, and placed her under arrest. No students were involved in the incident.

The Yuma County Narcotics Task Force responded and assumed the investigation. The total amount of Methamphetamine was approximately 4.35 grams.

Salter was processed and booked by the Yuma County Narcotics Task Force on Possession of Dangerous Drugs in a Drug-Free Zone, Possession of Dangerous Drugs, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Reckless Child/Vulnerable Adult Abuse.

Anyone with information regarding this case, please contact the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at 928-783-4427 or 78-CRIME to remain anonymous. You can also visit our website at www.yumacountysheriff.org to submit an anonymous tip.

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